

**Amendments to the Claims**

The current listing of the claims replaces all previous amendments and listings of the claims.

1.-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A fire-resistant glazing assembly comprising:

~~a support;~~

~~a safety element coupled to the support and spaced therefrom;~~

~~a first glass sheet disposed between the support and the safety element~~ first and second panes, the first pane positionable between a first position adjacent the second pane and a second position apart from the second pane; and

~~a second glass sheet;~~

~~wherein the safety element is configured and dimensioned to permit the second glass sheet to be disposed in a first position proximate the first glass sheet and a second supported position spaced from the first position~~

a support member; and

a safety member cooperatively fastened with the support member such that at least a portion of each of the first and second panes is disposed therebetween, the safety member comprising first and second contacting members, the first contacting member contacting the second pane and the second contacting member being out of contact with the first pane when the first pane is in the first position and contacting the first pane when the first pane is in the second position.

21. (Currently Amended) The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, wherein the ~~first glass sheet~~ second pane comprises a second pane bore, and the safety ~~element~~ is

~~coupled to the support with~~ member comprises a fastener ~~that extends therethrough~~ extending through the second pane bore to cooperatively fasten with the support member.

22. (Currently Amended) The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 21, ~~wherein in the first position the second glass sheet is bonded to the first glass sheet~~ further comprising: an adhesive disposed between the first and second panes.

23. (Currently Amended) The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, wherein the safety element ~~comprises a first portion sealed to the first glass sheet and a second portion remote from the first glass sheet~~ first contacting member is adhered to the second pane.

24. (Currently Amended) The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim ~~[[23]]~~ 21, wherein the ~~second glass sheet comprises a bore with an inner diameter, the first portion has a first outer diameter, and the inner diameter is larger than the first outer diameter~~ second pane bore has a diameter less than a diameter of a first pane bore of the first pane through which a fastener extends.

25. (Currently Amended) The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 24, ~~wherein the second portion has a second outer diameter, and the inner diameter of the bore is smaller than the second outer diameter~~ further comprising:

a third pane disposed adjacent the second pane, the third pane comprising a third pane bore through which the fastener extends, the third pane bore having a diameter less than the diameter of the first pane bore.

26. (Currently Amended) The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, wherein ~~the first glass sheet comprises at least two sheets~~ at least one of the first and second panes comprises a glass pane.

27. (Currently Amended) The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 26, wherein ~~the at least two sheets are bonded together~~ first pane is adhered to the second pane.

28. (Currently Amended) The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, wherein ~~the first glass sheet comprises a pane of laminated glass~~ first and second panes are laminated with one another.

29. (Currently Amended) The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, wherein at least one of the ~~first and second glass sheets is prestressed or partially prestressed~~ first and second panes comprises an at least partially prestressed pane.

30. (Currently Amended) The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, ~~wherein the first glass sheet is separated from the support by~~ further comprising:  
a seal disposed between the first contacting member and the second pane.

31.-35. (Canceled)

36. (New) The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 21, wherein the safety member comprises at least one of a ring, disk, ring segment and disk segment having an outside larger than a diameter of a first pane bore of the first pane through which the fastener extends.

37. (New) The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 21, wherein the safety member is screwed on the support member.

38. (New) The fire-resistant glazing assembly of claim 20, further comprising:  
a third pane adhered by a layer of adhesive to the second pane.